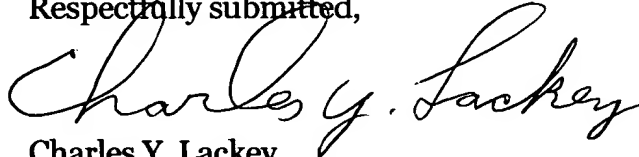


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Remarks

In response to the requirement for restriction, applicant has elected Group II (claims 4 – 13) and has amended the form of these claims in this response. An action on the merits is now respectfully requested.

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Amendments in the Specification:

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.121(b), the following replacement paragraphs show all the changes made by the foregoing amendment relative to the previous versions of the paragraphs.

Cancel the old Abstract and enter the following new Abstract:

A rotary shelf assembly mechanism having shelves mounted on a vertical post arrangement is connected to a cabinet frame by upper and lower mounting brackets interacting with the top and bottom of the cabinet frame to support the posts and shelves carried thereby. The mechanism is mounted in the corner of the cabinet interior. To fit the mechanism within the cabinet, a height adjustment device is formed by positioning a second upper post in the upper end of a first vertical post for slidable movement therein. When securement of the two joined posts and mounted shelves is desired, the slidably movable upper post is extended upwardly until it engages the upper mounting bracket. An elongated recess in the second upper post aligns with an opening in the first vertical post to receive a threaded member into a casting. The screw is tightened to engage the casting and secure the two posts together in a shelf retaining and rotational mode. The height adjustment device enables the assembly to be quickly and efficiently mounted within the cabinet interior. A [new] shelf construction and shelf retaining element for securing each shelf to the first post arrangement is also included [as a part of this improvement].

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Amendments in the Claims:

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.121(c), the following versions of the claims as rewritten by the foregoing amendment show all the changes made relative to the previous versions of the claims.

Cancel claims 2 and 3.

Re-write claims 4 – 11 and 13 as follows

4. (twice amended) A rotary shelf assembly mechanism [having a post height adjustment device and a novel shelf construction shelf element for securing the shelves to the post] comprising: post means; first and second mounting brackets spaced apart from and opposing each other supporting the post means; [a post assembly disposed between the first and second mounting brackets supporting] at least one single piece shelf connected to the post means, the post means [and] having pin-receiving apertures at the location of the at least one [each] supported shelf, each of the at least one single piece shelves having an integral post-securing section including a hub and a pin-receiving [indents] recess within the hub; and a pin [means] extending through the post pin-receiving apertures and cooperatively received by the integral post securing section [indents] recess of the at least one shelf to secure the at least one shelf to the post [assembly] means.

5. (twice amended) The mechanism as claimed in claim 4 wherein the pin [means] is a cylindrically formed segment of flat metallic material.

6. (twice amended) The mechanism as claimed in claim 4 wherein the post [assembly] means includes a first post having first and second ends and a second post having first and second ends and sized to be telescopically received within the second end of the first post and having an elongated recess extending longitudinally parallel to the axis of the second post, the first post having an aperture; and a mating element extending through the first post aperture and into the second elongated recess to secure the second post with the first post to join the posts and insure connected post rotation.

7. (twice amended) The mechanism as claimed in claim 6 wherein the pin [means] is a cylindrically formed segment of flat metallic material.

8. (twice amended) The mechanism as claimed in claim 4 wherein the post [assembly] means includes first and second posts, the first post having an aperture, the second post having an elongated recess; and a mating element extending through the first post aperture and into the second post elongated recess to secure the second post with the first post to join the posts and insure connected post rotation.

9. (twice amended) The mechanism as claimed in claim 5 wherein the post [assembly] means includes first and second posts, the first post having an aperture and the second post having an elongated recess; a mating element extending through the first post aperture and into the second post elongated

recess to secure the second post with the first post and thereby join the posts and insure connected post rotation.

10. (twice amended) The mechanism as claimed in claim 6 wherein the post [assembly] means includes first and second posts, the first post having an aperture and the second post having an elongated recess, and a mating element extending through the first post aperture and into the second post elongated recess to secure the second post with the first post and thereby join the posts and insure connected post rotation.

11. (twice amended) The mechanism as claimed in claim 4 wherein each of the at least one single piece shelves is formed with a hub having a post-receiving opening and a rectangularly shaped recess communicating with the opening, the post [assembly] means having diametrically aligned apertures at each shelf position, and the [shelf and post securing means for each shelf is a] pin being cooperatively received by the shelf hub rectangularly shaped recess and the post diametrically aligned apertures to secure the at least one shelf to the post.

12. (twice amended) The mechanism as claimed in claim 11 wherein the pin is a cylindrically formed segment of flat metallic material.

13. (twice amended) The mechanism as claimed in claim 12 wherein the post [assembly] means [is disposed between first and second mounting brackets

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and] includes first and second posts, the first post having an aperture and the second post having an elongated recess; and a mating element extending through the first post aperture and into the second post elongated recess to secure the second post with the first post and insure connected post rotation.